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SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE: NATO AND SPAIN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA MENTIONED TO ME THIS AFTER-NOON THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM BRUSSELS THAT LANGUAGE HAD BEEN INTRODUCED FOR DPC COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH SPAIN'S DEFENSE ROLE IN EUROPE. HE SAID HIS INFORMATION ALSO WAS THAT THE DANES, DUTCH AND THE USUAL GROUP THAT OPPOSED SPAIN HAD BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MENTION OF SPAIN IN THE COMMUNIQUE. HE SAID THAT HIS REPORT SAID THAT THE LANGUAGE WHICH HAD BEEN INTRODUCED REFERRED TO AMERICAN BASES IN SPAIN". SUCH A FORMULATION WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

2. WITHOUT GOING INTO ANY DETAILS, I TOLD THE MINISTER THAT AS FAR AS I KNEW THE DRAFT LANGUAGE MADE NO MENTION OF "AMERICAN BASES IN SPAIN".

3. CORTINA WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS FAR AS THE SPANISH WERE CONCERNED, THE ONLY LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THEM WOULD BE SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES THAT
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NATO HAD CONSIDERED SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO WESTERN
DEFENSE AND THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE RECOGNIZED
AND VALUED.
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